



REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a    continuation or X divisional application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No. 09/912,418  
Filed on July 26, 2001  
Of Tilman HAUG et al.  
Entitled: SURFACE LAYER AND PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A SURFACE LAYER  
Examiner:                                   
Group:                                 

- X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed.
- Total pages 14
- X 2. New Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of 1 sheet, depicting Figure 1.
- X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:
- a.    Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. X Copy from prior application
- i.    Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application
- X 4. Incorporation by Reference:
- The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.
- X 5. Cancel original claims 1-11.
6. Small entity status:



- X 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.

- X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.
- b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- X d. Address all future correspondence to:

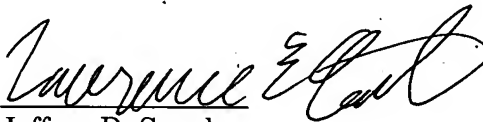
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- X 16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.
- X 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.
- X 19. Other: Application Data Sheet

Respectfully submitted,

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